



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Lih-Ling Lin et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/989,350 EXAMINER: John Ulm  
FILING DATE: November 20, 2001 ART UNIT: 1646  
FOR: NOVEL TNF RECEPTOR DEATH DOMAIN LIGAND PROTEIN AND  
INHIBITORS OF LIGAND BINDING

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month (3) extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004. With the extension, the response is due on or before July 28, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 22058-560 CIP4DIV3CON).

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Respectfully submitted,

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